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Mr. Lester Snow  
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**RE: ACTION CATEGORIES WORKSHOP**

Dear Lester:

I attended the October 12, 1995, Action Categories Workshop and participated in the water supply breakout group. I wish to comment upon an issue that arose from discussions regarding the effectiveness of watershed management.

While it was the consensus of our group that effective watershed management is an action that could positively effect the ecosystem and both water supply and quality, it was the opinion of a few that measuring that effectiveness was not possible.

I do not agree and believe that measurement tools exist. The Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency are jointly preparing a Sanitary Survey for the Yuba and Bear River watersheds. Pacific Gas and Electric Company produces annual reports on cloud seeding in two other watersheds. State and local water agencies also collect data statewide.

By compiling that data into a baseline, and then creating changes in land use planning in watersheds, we could measure its effectiveness.

In closing, I would like to express how heartening it was to hear your assurances that creating solutions for fixing the Delta will not be realized if those solutions create problems for the mountain counties.

Sincerely,



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Manager of Purchasing and Stores

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